

A Bird's-Eye View

of the

Foreign Mission Field.

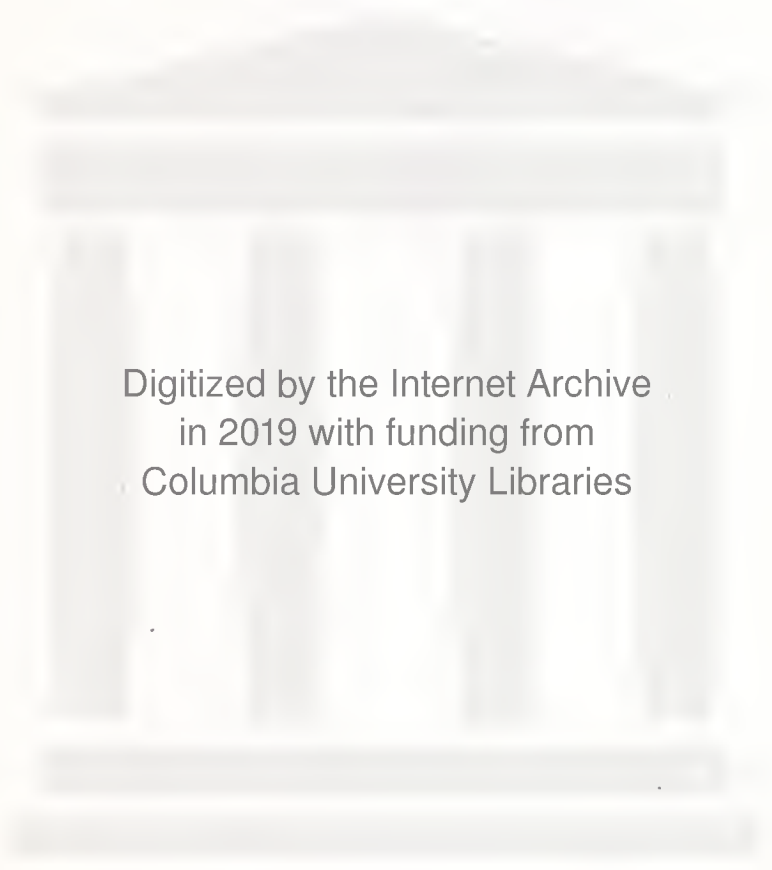
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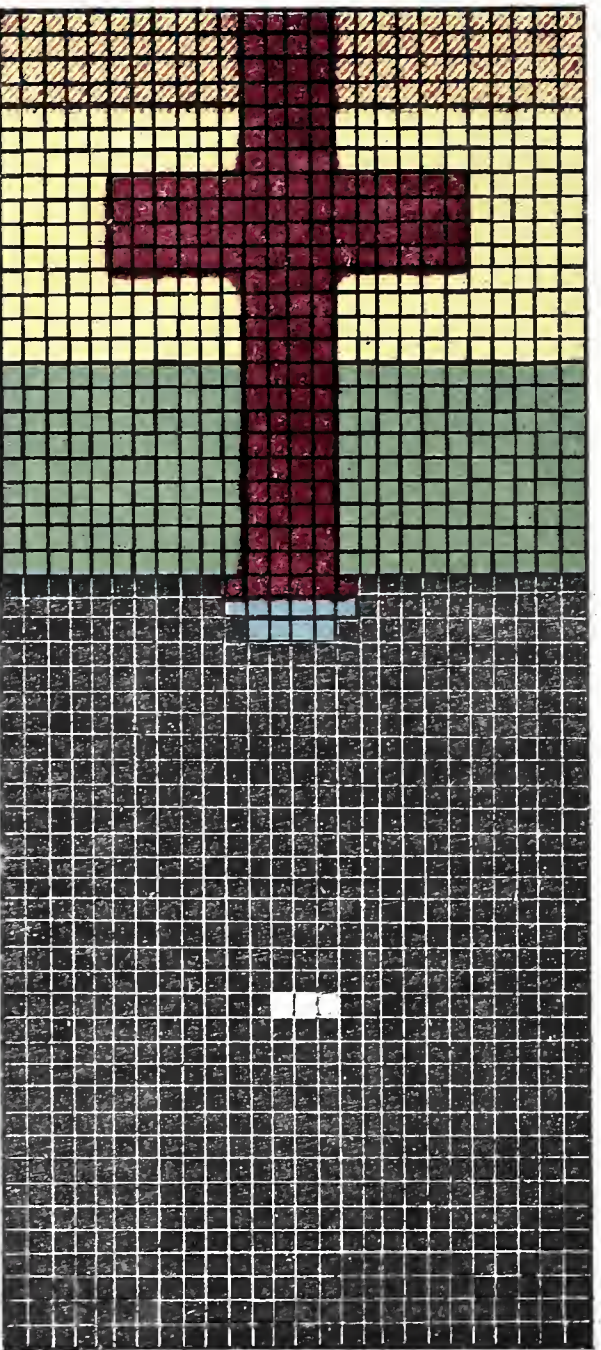
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DIAGRAM

Showing the Actual and Relative Numbers (approximate) of Mankind classified according to their Religions.

Each Square represents 1,000,000 Souls.
Estimated Population of the World, 1,482 Millions.



Red—Protestants.

150 millions.

(Communicants, 40 millions).

Brown—Greek Church.

88 millions.

Blue—Jews.

10 millions.

Yellow—Roman Catholics.

194 millions.

Black—Heathen, 840 millions.

White—Native Christians,

3 millions.

(Communicants, 750,000).

Green—Mohammedans.

198 millions.

“**W**HILE vast continents are shrouded in almost utter darkness, and hundreds of millions suffer the horrors of heathenism or of Islam, the burden of proof lies upon you to show that the circumstances in which God has placed you were meant by Him to keep you out of the Foreign Mission Field.”—ION KEITH FALCONER.



“I have long since ceased to pray, ‘Lord Jesus, have compassion upon a lost world.’ I can remember the day and the hour when I seemed to hear the Lord rebuking me for making such a prayer. He seemed to say to me, ‘I have had compassion upon a lost world, and now it is for you to have compassion. I have left you to fill up that which is behind in Mine afflictions in the flesh for the body’s sake, the Church. I have given My heart; give your hearts.’”

A. J. GORDON.

A Bird's-Eye View of the Foreign Mission Field.



NOTES.

(1) The chief authorities for the following statistics are the Reports (1894) of over 70 societies.

(2) Statistics of contributions, membership, &c., of Home Churches (see p. 15) have been taken from their respective Year Books.

(3) The chief authority for population and area (in square miles) is the *Statesman's Year-Book*, 1892.

(4) It has been impossible to get statistics from all the Societies; accuracy and as close approximation as possible have been aimed at. In all cases of uncertainty, the rule has been "never to overstate the need, nor to understate the supply."

(5) Special figures are given of medical agents; ordained and lady medical missionaries have been placed *only* in the "Medical" category. Missionaries' wives are not included among the "Women."

(6) Native *preachers* only (ordained and lay) have been reckoned, not native teachers or general helpers.

(7) The following contractions are used :—

Pop.	=	population.
For. Miss.	=	foreign missionaries.
Med.	=	medical.
Nat.	=	native.
Ord.	=	ordained.
Com.	=	communicants.
U.K.	=	United Kingdom.

(8) For the *plan* of the Bird's-Eye View, the compilers are indebted to the *View*, published in America under the auspices of the Student Volunteer Movement.

(9) The figures for India have been compiled from the tables prepared for the recent Decennial Conference.

(10) The following figures have been taken as the standards of comparison in most instances :—

	Area.	Pop.
England . . .	50,823	27,482,104
Wales . . .	7,363	1,518,914
Scotland . . .	30,417	4,033,103
Ireland . . .	32,583	4,706,162
Total U.K. . .	121,186	37,740,283

ASIA.

ARABIA.

Area, 1,219,000 = 10 × U.K.

Pop., 6,000,000 = $1\frac{1}{2}$ × Scotland.

For. Miss. : Ord., 1 ; lay, 2 ; med., 1.

Religion—Islam.

PERSIA.

Area, 628,000 = 5 × U.K.

Pop., 9,000,000 = $2\frac{1}{4}$ × Scotland.

For. Miss. : Ord., 36 ; med., 16 ; lay, 3 ; women, 56.

Nat., 84 ; com., 5,782.

Religions—Islam, Nestorianism, Judaism.

1 ord. to 250,000.

INDIA.

1. Burmah.

Area, 171,430 = 3 × (England and Wales).

Pop., 7,605,560 = 2 × Scotland nearly.

For. Miss. : Ord., 58 ; lay, 4 ; med., 5 ; women, 57.

Nat., 642 ; com., 33,037. *Religion*—Buddhism.

1 ord. to 131,000.

2. Bengal, Assam.

Area, 236,277 = nearly $2 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 80,109,129 = more than $2 \times$ U.K.

For. Miss. : Ord., 183 ; lay, 50 ; med., 18 ; women,
200.

Nat., 1000 ; com., 43,072.

1 ord. to 430,000.

3. North-West Provinces, Oudh, Rajputana.

Area, 241,905 = $2 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 60,254,053 = more than $2 \times$ (England and
Wales).

For. Miss. : Ord., 150 ; lay, 16 ; med., 23 ; women,
161.

Nat., 628 ; com., 29,150.

1 ord. to 660,000.

4. Punjab, Sindh, Kashmir.

Area, 286,718 = $3 \times$ (England, Wales, and Scotland).

Pop., 30,545,853 = England, + $\frac{3}{4}$ Scotland.

For. Miss. : Ord., 98 ; lay, 18 ; med., 21 ; women,
141.

Nat., 379 ; com., 11,616.

1 ord. to 402,000.

5. Bombay Presidency, Central Provinces, Berar, Hyderabad.

Area, 446,128 = nearly $4 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 64,154,080 = $2 \times$ (England and Scotland).

For. Miss.: Ord., 193; lay, 37; med., 18; women,
196.

Nat., 357; com., 11,393.

1 ord. to 332,400.

6. Madras Presidency, Mysore, Travancore, Ceylon.

Area, 180,467 = $4 \times$ England nearly.

Pop., 44,447,721 = nearly $12 \times$ Scotland.

For. Miss.: Ord., 336; lay, 33; med., 35; women,
206.

Nat., 2,411; com., 122,497.

1 ord. to 132,000.

Unoccupied Territory—Nepaul and Bhutan. Total, India.

Area, 1,553,925 = more than $10 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 287,117,096 = nearly $10 \times$ (England and Wales)
= $\frac{1}{5}$ World = 80 Bibles (1 letter = 1 soul).

For. Miss.: Ord., 1018; lay, 129; med. 119;
women, 961.

Nat., 5,417; com., 281,422.

Religions—Hinduism ($207\frac{1}{2}$ millions), Islam (57
millions), Buddhism ($8\frac{1}{2}$ millions), Aborigines (9
millions), Sikhism, Christianity (2 millions each),
&c.

1 ord. to 282,000.

Figures for Pop. and Area of India have been taken from
Government "Blue Book," 1892.

CHINA—(i.e. China proper, Manchuria, Mongolia).

Area, 2,987,151 = more than $\frac{2}{3}$ Europe.

Pop., 395,500,000 = Europe + $\frac{2}{3}$ U.S.A. = more than $\frac{1}{4}$ World = 110 Bibles (1 letter = 1 soul).

For. Miss.: Ord., 484; lay, 286; med., 111; women, 515. Nat., 853; com., 58,417.

Religions—Buddhism, Confucianism, Islam, Taoism.
1 ord. to 817,170.

JAPAN.

Area, 147,655 = 5 × Scotland nearly.

Pop., 40,072,020 = England + 3 × Scotland.

For. Miss.: Ord., 205; lay, 27; med., 16; women, 188.

Nat., 400; com., 40,797. Good work done by Y.M.C.A. *Religions*—Buddhism, Shintoism.
1 ord. to 200,000.

KOREA.

Area, 82,000. Pop., 8-16 millions.

For. Miss.: Ord., 26; lay, 9; med., 10; women, 26.
Nat., 1; com., 471.

Religions—Buddhism, Confucianism.

About 1 ord. to half a million or more.

SIAM—(With Annam and Malay Peninsula).

Area, 425,352 = $3\frac{1}{2}$ × U.K.

Pop., 24,610,571 = 6 × Scotland.

For. Miss.: Ord., 34; lay, 7; med., 14; women, 67.
Nat., 13; com., 11,931. *Religion*—Buddhism.

1 ord. to 700,000.

TURKEY IN ASIA.

(i.e. Asia Minor, Syria, Armenia, Mesopotamia, Kurdistan.)

Area, 509,239 = $4 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 15,608,055 = $4 \times$ Scotland nearly.

For. Miss. : Ord., 110; lay, 30; med., 20; women, 140.

Nat., 260; com., 16,098. *Religion*—Islam.

1 ord. to nearly 142,000.

Unoccupied Territory.

SIBERIA.

Area, 4,833,496 = nearly 2 (Russia, Germany, and U.K.).

Pop., 4,484,549 = more than Scotland.

AFGHANISTAN.

Area, 298,235 = more than $2 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 4,500,000 = more than Scotland.

THIBET.

Area, 651,500 = more than $5 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 6,000,000 = $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ Scotland.

BELUCHISTAN.

Area, 106,635 = U.K. nearly. Pop., 500,000.

TURKESTAN.

Area, 2,212,950 = U.K. and Russia.

Pop., 10,100,000 = $2\frac{1}{2} \times$ Scotland.

AFRICA.

NORTH AFRICA.

(i.e. Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli.)

Area, 913,538 = $7\frac{1}{2} \times$ U.K.

Pop., 12,670,000 = more than $3 \times$ Scotland.

For. Miss. : Lay, 25 ; med., 8 ; women, 45.

Religion—Islam.

1 Foreign worker to 189,000.

EGYPT.

(With Nubia, Abyssinia, Eastern Soudan.)

Area, 1,545,000 = $\frac{3}{4} \times$ Russia.

Pop., 21,717,265 = more than $5 \times$ Scotland.

For. Miss. : Ord., 19 ; med., 1 ; Lay, 1 ; women, 15.

Com., 3,173. *Religion*—Islam.

1 ord. to more than a million.

MADAGASCAR.

Area, 228,500 = $4 \times$ (England and Wales) nearly.

Pop., 3,500,000 = $2\frac{1}{2} \times$ Wales nearly.

For. Miss. : Ord., 78 ; lay, 14 ; med., 8 ; women, 37.

Nat., 4,706 ; com., 95,772.

1 ord. to 44,000.

SOUTH AFRICA.

(South of River Zambesi.)

Area, 930,490 = $2\frac{1}{4} \times$ (France and Germany).

Pop. 3,935,000 = Scotland nearly.

For. Miss.: Ord., 428; lay, 81; med., 6 (incl.
5 ord.); women, 92.

Nat., 355; com., 81,486.

1 ord. to 9,150.

WEST AFRICA.

(With Congo Free State.)

Area, 2,939,867 = U.S.A. nearly.

Pop., 62,792,000 = more than U.S.A.

For. Miss.: Ord., 299; lay, 80; med., 9 (incl.
3 ord.); women, 149.

Nat., 341; com., 47,272.

1 ord. to 200,000.

EAST CENTRAL AFRICA.

Area, 2 439,367 = Russia, Germany, and U.K.

Pop., 17,825,000 = $2 \times$ (Scotland and Ireland).

For. Miss.: Ord., 109; lay, 142; med. 13 (incl.
4 ord.); women, 39.

Nat., 10; com., 4,998.

1 ord. to nearly 223,800.

AMERICA.

CENTRAL AMERICA and WEST INDIES.

Area, 177,485 = $1\frac{1}{2} \times$ U.K. nearly.

Pop., 3,209,908 = $\frac{3}{4} \times$ Scotland.

For. Miss. : Ord., 49 ; women, 16 ; lay, 1.

Nat., 6 ; com., 13,185.

Religion—Rom. Catholicism.

1 ord. to 71,000.

MEXICO.

Area, 767,000 = $6 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 9,908,000 = $2\frac{1}{2} \times$ Scotland nearly.

For. Miss. : Ord., 50 ; lay, 19 ; med., 2 ; women, 66.

Nat., 196 ; com., 18,947.

Religion—Rom. Catholicism.

1 ord. to nearly 200,000.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Area, 7,000,000 = $2 \times$ Europe nearly.

Pop., 34,349,605 = nearly U.K.

For. Miss. : Ord., 158 ; lay, 25 ; med., 3 (incl. 1 ord.) ; women, 178.

Nat., 102 ; com., 34,391.

1 ord. to 210,000.

Unoccupied Territory.

BOLIVIA.

Area, 567,240 = $4\frac{1}{2} \times$ U.K.

Pop., 1,192,162 = Wales nearly.

OCEANIA.

EAST INDIES.

(Java, Sumatra, Borneo, &c.)

Area, 769,321 = $6 \times$ U.K.

Pop., 34,661,000 = $1\frac{1}{4} \times$ England.

For. Miss. : Ord., 100 ; lay, 13 ; med. 1.

Nat., 58 ; com., 12,270.

1 ord. to nearly 350,000.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

(Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia.)

Area, 411,635 = $8 \times$ England.

Pop., 1,271,015 = Wales nearly.

For. Miss. : Ord., 112 ; lay, 3 ; med., 4 (incl. 1 ord.) ; women, 34.

Nat., 709 ; com., 90,152.

1 ord. to 11,000.

VARIOUS.

Moravian Missions in Greenland, Labrador, and Alaska, with 63 agents and 3,158 com.

Salvation Army.—South Africa, 195 officers ; India and Ceylon, 516 ; Argentine, 57.

The Jews.—Pop. estimated at 10 millions= $2\frac{1}{2}$ Scotlands. 49 Societies, with 377 agents.

“The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearest home.”

“There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more ; and there is that withholdeth *more than is meet*, but it tendeth only to want.”—PROV. xi. 24.

*What the Church of Christ is doing
to meet the Need.*

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES SENT BY GREAT
BRITAIN, AMERICA, CANADA, AND CONTINENT
OF EUROPE.

ORD.	LAY.	MED.	WOMEN.	TOTAL.
4,532	1,886	497	3,585	10,500

The Missionary Army.

Foreign Force (not including wives)	.	10,500
Native Force (of all ranks)	. . .	41,000
Total	. .	51,500

A COMPARISON.

The Church of England, Wesleyan Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, English and Irish Presbyterians, the Established, Free, and United Presbyterian Churches of Scotland, and the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists—ten of the chief religious bodies of the United Kingdom—supply about **35,000 ordained ministers** for a population of nearly **38 millions**,—*i.e.* about **1 ord. to 1,080.**

All Protestant Missionary Societies send out about **4,500 ord. for. miss.** for more than **1,000 millions.**

Or 1 ord. for about 220,000.

The **9½ million** members of the above churches contribute (not quite) **£710,000** for Foreign Missions. Average for each member *per annum* = **1s. 6d. or 1½d. a month.**

Total British Protestant contributions to

Foreign Missions (1894) = **£1,359,692**

U.K. Drink Revenue (1893) = **140,866,262**

Army and Navy Expenditure (1894) = **39,000,000**

THE MISSIONARY CALL.

(*By the Author of "Candidates-in-Waiting."*)

THIS subject is too solemn to admit of any conjecture or theory; we can only approach it in humble dependence on the Spirit of God, seeking to keep very close to the teachings of His Written Word.

THE DIVINE SEQUENCE.—Study, then, the various Gospel accounts of the mission of the twelve and of the seventy. You will clearly deduce from the combined record that the Divine sequence is *Come, PRAY, GO*. It is men who have drawn near to Christ, the one Saviour from the guilt and power of sin, and are in living union with Him, men who have sat under His teaching and drunk of His Spirit, and who have gained some insight into His plans, who are to be sent forth. Further, before the physical going comes the spiritual going, that oneness in purpose with the God of missions which results in fervent, effectual prayer, that swift comprehensive estimate of the greatness of the harvest and the fewness of the labourers, which sends a man's soul Godward in yearning desire over those whitened fields. Then comes the "Go!" Divinely uttered and obeyed in the strength of the Divine Spirit alone.

THE POWER FOR WITNESSING.—Next, look, not at twelve apostles or seventy disciples, but at *the whole Church* endued with the power of the witnessing Spirit, in order that by the united action of all the members she may evangelize *the whole world*. Read, repeatedly and carefully, the earlier chapters

of the Acts of the Apostles, if you would know the relation of Pentecost to the question of Foreign Missions ; and note that, as a result of the spiritual attitude described in the closing verses of chapter ii., when persecution with its consequent dispersion came, they all went “everywhere” preaching the Word. Here is no exemption from any form of service, but an all-embracing command, an all-empowering gift, and an all-obeying Church.

AN INDIVIDUAL CALL.—From Acts xiii. you will find that within this Church of men and women, who recognized their individual responsibility regarding unevangelized souls, there is a still closer and more specific “call.” Into the company of busy workers at Antioch comes a divine summons.

The Holy Ghost said, “Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.” Here we have not merely a call to witness, but a call to witness in a special place and in a special way ; a call addressed to these two men, which they or their fellow-workers could only have resisted by quenching the voice of the Spirit of God.

A QUESTION OF SURRENDER.—What is your attitude towards the repeated Missionary command of Christ? Have you, as a Christian, realized the sweet and solemn power of Christ’s inner mastery, which bows your will into entire submission to His? “Ye call me Master and Lord : ye say well, *for so I am.*” Can He who is the Truth say that of you today? Have you learned obedience from Him who was obedient unto death? Have you, like Isaiah, been humbled before God’s holiness and cleansed by

His fire, until, as He asks, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" you can honestly say, "Here am I, *send me.*" That is the ground on which every Christian should stand; in an attitude of equal readiness to do God's will at home or abroad. Never rest till, in all trueness of will-surrender, you can take Isaiah's place. It was the attitude of the whole Church after Pentecost; would to God it were so to-day!

HOW TO FACE THE CALL.—Having got so far, you may fitly face the question of the individual Missionary call. There will be then no inner will-conflict to raise a dust which would obscure your vision, or to make a din which might stifle the "still small voice." After Isaiah had surrendered, he was sent. It may be so with you. But this "sending" is a solemn thing; it takes us on to holy ground. It is an awful thing for a man to linger at home if God needs him in the mission-field; it is almost more awful for a man who is not sent to thrust himself forth.

Beware of looking on a Missionary call as an emotional experience. God is able to break strong men down under intense spiritual dealings with them, but He works oftentimes in other ways. His call is infinite in variety, but the essence of it all is given simply in John x. 4, 5, 27. Remember, too, that God's call is not a passing impulse, which vanishes like a cloud before the sun. It will bear testing; it will only strengthen as you prove it; it will answer fully to honest questionings from a man who seeks to do God's will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

HOW TO TEST THE CALL.—Do you believe that a personal call has come to you? If so, test it *practically*. Sanctified common-sense never runs counter to the plans of God. Are you physically fit for a difficult climate? Are you of a vigorous and cheery temperament? Have you average ability, and a fair power of acquiring knowledge? Are you free from binding responsibility to parents or others at home? Is your own hope of salvation “sure and steadfast,” and based on an intelligent knowledge of the Word of God? Do not hastily conclude that you are “not good enough,” and let no mistaken estimate of the nature of foreign work lead you to think your gifts too great to have fullest scope in the mission-field. Have no fear that you would “throw away your education,” or “spoil your prospects” by going forth. Consult experienced friends, especially such as are in sympathy with the need for the evangelization of the world. While you are thus practically engaged, never forget to test the call *prayerfully*. It is dangerous to draw one’s own conclusions even from God’s facts. Let His light shine on every point. Keep your own mind open, and lay every influence which touches you before the Lord. Claim the promise that His Spirit shall lead you into all truth, and be very careful to follow directly any indication which seems to be from Him, and which is in harmony with His Word.

Test the call *promptly*. God’s call unanswered even for a day means spiritual loss. Surely the facts and figures in this booklet must bring home to you something of the urgency of the need, the utter despairing need of millions of human souls. This, which ought

to be the nineteenth century of Christian Missions is practically the *first* since apostolic days. There is not a moment to lose, there is not a man to spare. Can any blank you would leave at home be comparable to the blanks waiting for ages to be filled abroad? Go where you are wanted most; and, in the name of Christ and of the perishing heathen, go there, Christian brother, as soon as you can. The King's business truly requireth haste.

Yet there is another side to this; while you are careful not to delay, be ever ready to wait. If your call is a true one, you may have to test it *patiently*. The door to the foreign field is in the hand of God. If He shut it, who dare seek to force it open? But if He open it, no man can shut. It is well to remember that no fit volunteer, called of God, can ever be held back from the mission-field a day beyond his Master's will. There may be difficulties and delays, but if they are God-permitted, it is your place to wait. It may be that further *preparation* is essential before you can rightly be sent. Some time may elapse after He has called His sheep, before He puts them forth; but God's hand will open the door in His good time. It is ill when other hands tamper with the lock.

One closing word. An answer to God's call once given can never be withdrawn. Student Volunteer, that name of yours *still stands* at the foot of that declaration which you signed. If years are going by, and you are not joining the ranks of the Missionary army in the field, is it your altered "purpose," or God's withheld "permission," which has fixed you in the work at home?

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